

WHEREAS, The nationwide program of American Legion Baseball was originated by action of the State American Legion Convention in Milbank, South Dakota on July 17, 1925, and was adopted in every State by the year 1926; and,

WHEREAS, 1975 marks the Golden Anniversary of American Legion Baseball, which will be climaxed by the playing of the Fiftieth World Series at Rapid City, South Dakota from August 28, through September 1, 1975; and,

WHEREAS, This program has grown to more than 16,000 teams and has aided thousands of young men to become leading citizens in their community, state and nation through its emphasis on sportsmanship and fair play; and,

WHEREAS, The American Legion baseball code of sportsmanship which is recited by players before each game, "I will keep the rules, keep faith with my teammates, keep my temper, keep myself fit, keep a stout heart in defeat, keep my pride under in victory, keep a sound soul, a clean mind and a healthy body" exemplifies the highest ideals of our young people; and,

WHEREAS, More than sixty per cent of the players now playing in the Major Leagues are graduates of American Legion Baseball, which further testifies to the success of this program:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August, 1975, as

AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL MONTH

and do commend South Dakota Legionnaires of World War I for their foresight in establishing this program, and Legionnaires of all wars for their dedication to expanding and maintaining this valuable Americanism and sports activity.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I
have hereunto set my hand
and affixed the Great Seal
of the State of South Dakota,
in Pierre, the Capital City,
this 31st day of July, in the
Year of Our Lord, Nineteen
Hundred and Seventy-Five


RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


LORNA B. HERSEITH, SECRETARY OF STATE